

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME**

**Call to Order:** Chair Jennifer Fielder, on April 6, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Jennifer Fielder, Chair (R)  
Sen. Jedediah Hinkle, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)  
Sen. Tom Facey (D)  
Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R)  
Sen. David Howard (R)  
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)  
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)  
Sen. Cary Smith (R)  
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)  
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Tia Stockton, Committee Secretary  
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 434, 3/17/2017; HB 623, 4/1/2017

00:00:02 Chair Fielder

**HEARING ON HB 623**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:18 Rep. Kerry White (R), HD 64, opened the hearing on HB 623, Revise hunting license laws related to bonus points.

00:02:00 Sen. Phillips entered the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:03:37 Mac Minard, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association  
[EXHIBIT\(fis72a01\)](#)

00:08:31 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:10:37 Hank Warsech, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:10:54 Sen. Facey  
00:11:06 Mr. Warsech, FWP  
00:11:38 Sen. Facey  
00:11:40 Mr. Warsech

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:11:56 Rep. White

00:13:16 Chair Fielder

**HEARING ON HB 434**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:13:32 Rep. Kelly Flynn (R), HD 70, opened the hearing on HB 434, Create Montana wildlife habitat improvement act.

[EXHIBIT\(fis72a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fis72a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fis72a04\)](#)

00:17:39 Sen. McClafferty entered the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:29:42 Chelcie Cargill, Montana Farm Bureau Federation  
 00:32:34 Tucker Finley, Montana Public Interest Research Group  
 00:32:50 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties  
 00:33:10 Becky Kington, Montana Weed Control Association  
 00:33:50 Martha Williams, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

**EXHIBIT(fis72a05)**

00:35:31 Julia Altemus, Montana Wood Products Association  
 00:36:48 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation  
 00:37:35 Shelby DeMars, United Property Owners of Montana  
 00:37:55 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association, Montana CattleWomen  
 00:39:50 Pam Converse, Pondera County weed coordinator  
 00:42:50 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon  
 00:44:34 Brian Ohs, Montana Trout Unlimited

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:45:14 Dave Burch, Department of Agriculture (MDA)

**EXHIBIT(fis72a06)**

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:46:27 Sen. Hinebauch  
 00:47:52 Ms. Williams, FWP  
 00:48:55 Sen. Hinkle  
 00:49:27 Ms. Williams  
 00:50:18 Sen. Hinkle  
 00:50:50 Ms. Williams  
 00:51:49 Sen. Vincent  
 00:52:28 Rep. Flynn  
 00:56:11 Sen. Vincent  
 00:56:36 Rep. Flynn  
 00:57:28 Sen. Vincent  
 00:58:18 Ms. Williams  
 00:59:28 Sen. Vincent  
 00:59:56 Ms. Williams  
 01:00:17 Chair Fielder  
 01:00:25 Ms. Williams  
 01:00:57 Sen. Phillips  
 01:02:17 Rep. Flynn  
 01:03:37 Sen. Phillips  
 01:04:35 Rep. Flynn  
 01:05:11 Sen. Phillips  
 01:05:33 Mr. Burch, MDA  
 01:05:40 Sen. Phillips  
 01:05:45 Mr. Burch

01:06:09	Sen. Phillips
01:06:24	Mr. Burch
01:06:33	Sen. Phillips
01:07:13	Rep. Flynn
01:09:27	Sen. Vincent
01:09:34	Sen. Hinkle
01:10:09	Rep. Flynn
01:10:56	Chair Fielder
01:11:38	Rep. Flynn
01:16:10	Chair Fielder
01:16:15	Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division
01:16:31	Chair Fielder
01:16:49	Rep. Flynn
01:17:28	Chair Fielder
01:17:37	Rep. Flynn
01:17:50	Chair Fielder
01:18:16	Rep. Flynn
01:18:48	Mr. Burch
01:19:07	Chair Fielder
01:19:54	Rep. Flynn
01:21:00	Chair Fielder
01:22:34	Ms. Williams
01:23:36	Chair Fielder
01:24:08	Rep. Flynn

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:24:36	Rep. Flynn
01:25:58	Chair Fielder

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:36 PM

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Tia Stockton, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([fis72aad.pdf](#))